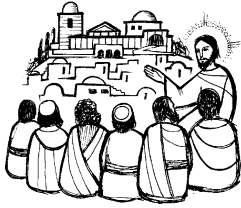


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**17TH NOVEMBER 2013
THIRTY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



As we approach the end of that part of Saint Luke's Gospel before the Passion narratives, and approach the end of the Church's year, our thoughts are turned towards the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord – this will lead us into Advent in two weeks time. Saint Luke's message is very distinctive: the Lord will come, but there is a lot to be lived through first. The coming of the Lord is not going to be a "quick fix" – we will have to live through (and endure) all the mess of human joy and suffering. The Lord is clear too, that we have to be aware of the personal cost of belonging to him – think back to last week's readings and the stories of religious persecution from every place and every age, even to this day. Even as this sounds gloomy and depressing, it is worth noting where the Gospel passage starts – in the material beauty of the Temple – and where it ends – something far more precious will be saved: our lives.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 504; Readings 510; Preface at Priest's choice		<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Joan Peake (nee Hooton), Bob Taylor, Rita Margiotta, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Jimmy Tipping, George Cowley, Michael Collins, Desmond McGirl</p> <p>Anniversaries: Sheila Mason, Mary-Jo Fairhurst, Philip Southern, Francis Xaiver Price, William Davies</p> <p>Mass Intentions: George Cowley, Sheila Mason, Mary-Jo Fairhurst, Joyce Knight, Michael Collins, Philip Southern, Desmond McGirl, Francis Xavier Price, William & Anne Davies</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families</p>
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants</i>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 11.00am – 3 Parish Social Group meeting (Harbour Room) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Year 2 Mass in school (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15am School Mass in church (SB)-Prayer Partners 7.30 - 8.30pm Scripture Study Course (SB)	
Friday <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Feast of Christ the King</i>	9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Young People</i>	
<p>Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's</p> <p>Gift Aid: If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Thanks</p>		

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CAFOD's Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal

We have all seen the devastating images of suffering and grief following the typhoon in the Philippines and we are still waiting to see the full impact on communities and individuals. Millions of people now urgently need our prayers and our financial support to survive the aftermath of the typhoon and to re-build their lives for the future. Today there will be a special collection for CAFOD's emergency response to the extensive damage and suffering caused by Philippines Typhoon Haiyan. CAFOD is working with local Church partners to provide emergency shelter, food and water. If you have no spare money with you today, you can bring some next weekend or you can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/typhoon, or by calling CAFOD on 0500 85 88 85.

CAFOD is appealing as part of a national response by the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). In the unlikely event of income exceeding need for this appeal, additional monies will be allocated to other urgent emergencies.

Congratulations: To Fionnula Frances Price who was baptised at St John's last Saturday and Benjamin Harry Stott who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families will continue to grow in faith.

SVP Mass for the Deceased: The SVP invite family and friends of those who have died in the past year to a special Mass which will be held at St Brendan's on Saturday 30 November at 11.00am. There will be an opportunity to light a candle on the altar in memory of those who have died and there will be refreshments, following Mass, in the Harbour Room. Should anyone have difficulties with transport, please contact any member of the SVP.

A Note of Thanks: Bradshaw & Harwood W.I. have donated £36 in memory of Cynthia (the proceeds from cards, using Cynthia's card making equipment). This has been forwarded to CAFOD, as requested, and is earmarked for the Philippine Disaster Appeal.

Bert Winstanley.

Hobson's Choice & Brassed Off: All Theatre bookings are now completed and booked, so the lists for both are now closed. The tickets can be collected at any time, but I will be bringing them along to the Harbour Room at every 11.15 Mass (except this Sunday when we shall be away!) If there are problems collecting tickets, just give us a ring on 303505. Thank you. *Madeleine.*

St. Columba's - APF-Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes:

Promoters will soon be calling on red mission box holders to deliver the calendars for 2014 and to empty the boxes. It would help, however, if you were able to bring your box to church to be emptied. Please hand it to the priest or one of the volunteers rather than leaving it at the back of church. Red mission box holders play a vital role in enabling young churches and missionaries to share the love of Christ with others. If you would like to contribute to the mission of the Church by holding a box, or making a donation please see Kevin Egan or go to www.missio.org.uk.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 December (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or e-mail office@sbsj.org.uk

Bolton Interfaith Council

International Interfaith Week (17 to 23 November)

Wednesday 20 November (11am-3pm):

Diversity Day at Bolton University, Social Learning Zone, BL3 5AB. Many community activities including henna painting, world food tasting, gospel singing, Buddhist meditation and much more. Also, at 5pm, a debate on *Is an integrated multifaith society possible?* will be held in the Lecture Theatre, Deane Campus.

Friday 22 November (10am-2.30pm):

Interfaith Open Day at the Hub, Bold Street, BL1 1LS. Learn more about the interfaith work and see the photo gallery of the volunteer's work at Mother Teresa's orphanage in Calcutta and the Street Children in Mumbai.

Saturday 23 November (11am-3pm):

Interfaith Cricket Match at Christ Church, Mytham Road, Little Lever, BL3 1JE. Indoor cricket matches for young people of various faiths.

St John's Christmas Draw: Tickets are now on sale

St Columba's Christmas Fayre: 8 December 2013

Parish Christmas Dance: This year's Christmas Dance (for our three churches) will be held on Friday 20 December at Dunsar Conservative Club. Further information and tickets will be available soon.

3 Parish Social Club: The next meeting will take place on this Monday (18 November) in The Harbour Room commencing at 11.00am.

Think Vocation

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We can all think of priests and Religious who have helped us on our journey of faith and have now died. In this Year of Faith, let us remember them in our prayers. It is also an opportunity to express our gratitude for their example and guidance.

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